

Explore Careers

➔ **Investigate career choices based on your talents and dreams.**

Consider your abilities.

Think about all the things you're good at:

- Are you good at subjects like math or English?
- Are you good at working with people, young children or older adults?
- Do you have a musical or artistic talent?
- Do you like to build or fix things?

Think about your interests and make a list.

- Do you enjoy working inside an office or outdoors?
- Do you like to work alone or with a lot of people?
- Do you spend a great deal of time on the computer?
- Are you fascinated by nature and science?
- Do you often find yourself reading books on a certain topic?

Talk to people about their careers.

Ask adults questions about their jobs. Don't be shy — they'll be happy you asked. Here are some sample questions to get you started:

- What do you enjoy most about your job, and least?
- What skills must someone have to be successful in your occupation?
- What high school and/or college classes are important in your field?
- **How much education is required** for someone with your job?

Describe the lifestyle that you want.

In thinking about your future, you must consider what's important to you in your daily life.

- What would you think about a career that required a great deal of travel?
- Is the amount of money you make important to you?
- How would you feel about a job that required you to move on a regular basis?
- What hours of the day, or night, will you be working?

